# **Natural Resources Conservation Service**

# **Application Ranking Summary**

# **Upper Arkansas - Wildlife & Endangered Species**

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Upper Arkansas - Wildlife & Endangered Species		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

#### **National Priorities Addressed**

Issue Questions	
1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable reductions of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds consistent with TMDL's where available as well as the reduction of groundwater contamination or point source such as contamination from confined animal feeding operations?	
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in the conservation of a considerable amount of ground or surface water resources?	Yes O or No O
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards?	
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?	
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?	Yes O or No O

## **State Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	
1. Will the project reduce the amount of nutrients/pesticides/salt/selenium or other pollutants entering ground or surface waters?	
2. Will the planned practice(s) promote water conservation on the contracted acres?	
3. Will the project address invasive and/or noxious plants on contracted acres?	Yes O or No O
4. Will the project result in an improvement to the existing management system to meet the state AFO/CAFO regulations?	
5. Does the project increase the diversity of desirable plants on grazing lands?	Yes O or No O
6. Does the project improve the health of riparian and/or wetland areas?	Yes O or No O
7. Is the proposed project located within the State's NRCS wildlife priority area, and do the planned practices address the habitat needs of the targeted species designated in the wildlife priority area?	
8. Will the proposed project reduce field soil loss to below "T" or will the planned practice(s) reduce irrigation induced/streambank erosion?	
9. Does the applicant currently use a progressive conservation plan that was developed within the last five years and includes the same resource concern and practices they are currently applying for?	
10. Does the applicant meet one or more of the following conditions: a. Did the applicant successfully complete any past EQIP contract(s) in full compliance; or b. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance? IF THIS IS THE APPLICANT'S FIRST APPLICATION, ANSWER, "Yes".	

## **Local Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	
1. Is the proposed project acres located in a State recognized, identified wildlife/habitat area?	Yes O or No O
2. If Question 1 is "no" is the proposed project acres located in a Locally recognized, identified wildlife area?	

3. Are human disturbances/occupied dwelling(s) and activities greater than 1,320 feet?	Yes O or No O
4. Are human disturbance/occupied dwelling(s) and activities less than 1,320 feet, but greater than 660 feet?	
5. Is the proposed project is adjacent to an EXISTING, on-going, active wildlife habitat enhancement, maintenance, or restoration effort?	
6. Are the proposed project acres are contiguous?	Yes O or No O
7. Are there contributing wildlife partners?	Yes O or No O
8. Is this application a joint agreement?	
9. Is the key habitat that will be maintained, improved, or enhanced Short Grass Prairie?	
10. Is the key habitat that will be maintained, improved, or enhanced Seasonal Wetlands?	Yes O or No O
11. Is the key habitat that will be maintained, improved, or enhanced Sand Sage Prairie/Mixed Grass?	Yes O or No O
12. Is the key habitat that will be maintained, improved, or enhanced Riparian/Wetland?	Yes O or No O
13. Is the key habitat that will be maintained, improved, or enhanced Cropland?	Yes O or No O
14. Does the implemented conservation treatment favors a Federal threatened or endangered species or a State endangered species?	
15. Does the implemented conservation treatment favors a State species of concern, State threatened or Federal candidate species?	Yes O or No O
16. Does the implemented conservation system and facilitating practices favor a declining native or economically important species?	Yes O or No O
17. Does he implemented conservation system and facilitating practices favor species with stable or increasing populations, or are not otherwise listed?	
18. Is the limiting factor score for the target species >0 but =<4?	Yes O or No O
19. Is the limiting factor score for the target species >4 but =<8?	Yes O or No O
20. Is the limiting factor score for the target species >8 but =<12?	Yes O or No O
21. Is the limiting factor score for the target species >12 but =<16?	
22. Is the limiting factor score for the target species >16 but =<20?	
23. Is the limiting factor score for the target species >20 but =<24?	
24. Is the limiting factor score for the target species >24 but =<28?	Yes O or No O
25. Is the limiting factor score for the target species >28 but =<32?	Yes O or No O

## Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
Ranking Score	
Efficiency:	
Local Issues:	
State Issues:	
National Issues:	
Final Ranking Score:	

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

NRCS Designated Conservationist:	Applicant Signature Required for Contract Development:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: